News-Pages of the GSWC

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GSWC Meetings are usually held at 1:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of the month, September to May (unless a holiday interferes). Currently we are meeting via Zoom for the health and safety of our members. We are asking everyone to register ahead of time to assist with tracking attendance. Check our website for information about registering or changes in venue: https://www.washtenawgenealogy.org or our Facebook page located at: https://www.facebook.com/genealogywashtenaw.

Upcoming Meetings:
Sunday, March 27: "40+ Sources for Finding Maiden Names" by Katherine Willson.
Class: "Irish Pioneers of Washtenaw County" by Abigail Eynon.

Report on Recent Meetings:

January 23, 2022: "Using Evernote and OneNote for Genealogy" presented by Grace Wilfong. This presentation provided information on tools to help organize your information.

Ms. Wilfong started her presentation with a discussion of the comparison of the use of tags in both tools. For instance, in OneNote, there are limited tags, but you can store it on several devices. On the other hand, Evernote provides multiple tags but available only on two devices.

Ms. Wilfong then concentrated on how to organize information. She suggested you start in a way that makes sense to you, then designate location and additional information.

Suggestions were given on what OneNote and Evernote could be used for beyond genealogy. These include "to do lists", DNA information, traveling check lists, and book lists.

Ms. Wilfong mentioned that OneNote comes with Microsoft Office. There is a cost for Evernote, which is updated every year. Try searching the internet for videos and hints on using the two programs.

Email address for Ms. Wilfong: gewilfong@yahoo.com.

Reported by Janet Gilkey

Class: "FamilySearch Part I" presented by Mike Gerding. Mike talked about the basics of using FamilySearch. He noted it is free, but you will need to create an account. He recommends always checking the Family Tree on FamilySearch when you are working on your family.

Where did the Family Tree feature come from, and why should you use it? It is a single shared tree. In 2012 the tree was created from the FamilySearch record extraction program and submitted trees. The program allows you to collaborate easily with others. Note that there are many duplicate persons, while it is possible to merge them, this should be done carefully, with as much documentation as possible. Working on the duplicate entries had Mike looking hard at his own research to prove or disprove what others were suggesting. It is possible to use a gedcom to import your names, but Mike recommends that you search the tree first, to avoid adding duplicates. Only you can see any living people you enter.

The search feature allows you to search by name or location. You can use wild cards by inserting a question mark for a single letter in the middle of a name with alternative spellings. His example was "Ger?ing" since his family is found under both "Gerding" and "Gerling". You can also search the images and genealogies which have been submitted, and the FamilySearch catalog of microfilms and books.

At the February 27 meeting Mike will discuss FamilySearch wikis in part II. Mike's handout is available on the GSWC website which is: https:www.washtenawgenealogy.org then look under "Public Downloads", followed by "Class Handouts".

You can contact Mike via email at germansig@comcast.net.

Reported by Marcia McCrary

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GSWC Items:

Notes from the Board:

The next **GSWC Board Meeting** is Tuesday, March 8 from 2 to 4 p.m., via Zoom. For more information on the agenda and how to attend, send an email to Nancy Howard: president@washtenawgenealogy.org.

From President Nancy Howard:

Program Planning for 2022–2023 is underway. Thanks to everyone that completed the questionnaire. The Program and Education Committee, led by Janet Tarolli, is now reviewing your input and putting together a terrific series of lectures and classes for the upcoming (September 2022–May 2023) year. We really need to find a Program Coordinator to transition into the role that Amy Lee has been doing. The primary task of this position is communicating with speakers and making sure details are in place for our 8 meetings. There are several experienced people on the Committee that can be counted on to support this role. Please contact Janet at programs@washtenawgenealogy.org

Library Donations Project
With the recent re-opening of the Family History Center in Saline, volunteers were able to start an inventory of holdings. There is very limited space and the review of donated items as to their acceptability into our collection continues. If you would like to help in some way with this project, please email me at president@washtenawgenealogy.org

The Family History Center (Saline). Researchers (healthy and masked) can visit the GSWC Library on Mondays from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. The Church provides a staff person to assist with searches on the computers at the Center. There are many treasures here, primarily focusing on Washtenaw County, Michigan, and more general strategies of conducting genealogical research.

Smile.Amazon.com
You can help defray operating costs of GSWC by participating in Amazon's Smile.Amazon.com program. A percentage of their profit from your purchases can be designated to **Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County MI Inc.**

More details will be sent with the February 27th meeting follow-up.

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GSWC SIG Meetings:
The **DNA Special Interest Group** will meet on Thursday, March 17, 2022 on Zoom. Contact Rodger Wolf, rawolf@umich.edu.

The **German Special Interest Group** will meet on. March 1, 2022 on Zoom. Contact GermanSIG@comcast.net, Mike Gerding, for more information.

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Opportunities Elsewhere:

"Researching Your African American Ancestors", presented by Omer Jean Winborn. **March 2, 2022, 2–3 p.m. – Online –** https://wccnet.edu.zoom.us/j/87386138564

RootsTech 2022 – March 3–6, 2022 – Online – Free. Sponsored by FamilySearch, there are over 1,500 programs in 9 different categories offered. Register at https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech/next

"A Walk Among the Tombstones: Preparing for and Presenting a Cemetery Tour" with Elaine Kuhn, **– Online – March 10, 2022, 11 a.m.** MGC Delegates Meeting.
Registration is required for this online meeting. If you would like to attend, please email Nancy at president@washtenawgenealogy.org. The link to register for MGC meetings is not distributed until a day or two before the meeting.

"Finding Family in the 1950 US Census Before it is Searchable" with Thomas Koselka. **March 12th, 10:30 a.m. – Online** – Detroit Society for Genealogical Research. Registration is required. Request an invitation at programs@dsgrinc.org.

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